

## Portland CEMA Inc. - Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts

### Newsletter - July 2003

#### **CEMA AGM**

ALL MEMBERS OF CEMA INC ARE HEREBY  
INFORMED OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD AT THE CEMA ARTS CENTRE  
ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2003.

MEETING WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

Group convenors or substitutes should  
provide a written report of the years activities and financial  
statement. (Reports should be read out at meeting)

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND WILL PROVIDE  
PRE-MEETING ENTERTAINMENT AT 7 PM.

PORTLAND CHORAL GROUP WILL PERFORM  
DURING THE SUPPER AT THE CONCLUSION  
OF THE MEETING.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING SUPPER.

#### **President's Report**

What a wonderful turn-up at this month's executive meeting. I wish to thank all groups for sending along their representative, the meeting was fun to chair with so many participating. We may have a look at changing the way our exec. meetings are run in the next year, and we would love our groups to have input into what stays and what could go.

Talking of fun - Dimboola was great! The audiences of the four performances certainly got more than they bargained for, and I know that the cast and crew have had a marvelous time putting the show on. Sandilands was a wonderful host, so thanks from CEMA definitely go to them. Congratulations Kat and Doug - another Theatre Group production to add to the list of successes.

Have you seen Todd Baxter's work gracing the walls of the CEMA Arts Centre - awe-inspiring stuff. If you haven't seen it yet it is more than worth a peek. The work he displayed for the PEAR project only gave us a glimpse of his potential.

AGM TIME!! - Come one, Come all!. See the wonders of CEMA all on display! Get your nominations in quick! All positions open - nominations may be made for President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary - even Treasurer (sorry Gregor, you have to stay).

AGM - Thursday 17 July. The Concert Band will hopefully kickstart the evening at 7.00 pm, with Formal Proceedings starting at 7.30 pm. A performance by the Choral Group will round off the night, along with refreshments - please bring a plate!! Looking forward to seeing all members in attendance.

Claire Endacott (President)

#### **ARTS PORTLAND/HEYWOOD**

Our main project at present is the Community Arts Showcase in August. We felt a change of name would show where the arts of this Shire were driven. From the Community rather than the Glenelg Shire.

We have set some dates. Most of you will have received your letters about this but just as a reminder:

- July 11th all groups should have the information about what they wish to display and the space it will take up to Karl.
- By the 26th all the information about the reason for the existence of group plus your display items should be at the CEMA Arts Centre (unless other arrangements have been made).
- The 1st of August is 'bump-in' day and if anyone can assist on that day it would be appreciated. The opening shall coincide with "Visions" by Emma-Lynn' so it is a ticketed evening so don't forget to book if you wish to attend. This is on August 2nd. at 7.30 pm.



The Monash Jazz Quintet perform at the  
CEMA Arts Centre

Our AGM shall be held at 10 am on July 11th at CEMA Arts Centre. This coincides with the day of display items need to be in so why not come along and bring your information with you and join us in a group with that assists Art in this area.

At our last executive meeting of CEMA our treasurer had the pleasure of handing over \$500 to assist with the general expenses of the coordination of all the numerous CEMA groups.

Joy Savill

## Choral Group

We had a very successful concert with the Warrnambool Mozart Group on May 24/25. The comments on our Shenandoah were very encouraging and one that we do enjoy singing.

We will be holding our AGM on Monday July 7th commencing at 6.30 pm.

We are practicing some new songs and will be performing at the CEMA AGM and the upcoming Choral festival in October.

Every month on the 2nd Thursday at 2.30 pm several members go up to the Nursing Home in Richardson St. to sing for the residents who enjoy this very much.

Carol Darby (Secretary)

## Craft Group

This month with the CWA we made a bead brooch in the shape of a fuchsia.

The group will be making a single bed quilt, suitable for a child's bedroom, and done in candlewicking squares for the months of July and August to tie in with the Showcase open days organised by Joy Savill.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

**CEMAFILM Presents:**  
**My Big Fat Greek Wedding**  
with  
**The Music Box**  
starring Laurel & Hardy

**Friday, 27th June at CEMA Arts Centre**  
**Afternoon Session 2 pm. Evening Session 7.30 pm.**  
**Adults: \$8 Concession and Students \$5.**  
**Refreshments available.**

## Historical Society

The July meeting will be held at the CEMA Arts Centre on Thursday July 3rd at 2.30 pm. This will be our Annual general meeting. Members please bring interesting articles for a display.

History House display for July is "Miniatures".

Betty Vivian (President)

## Music Glenelg

### Western District Choral Festival

The Western District Choral Festival is to be held in Portland, Saturday, October 18th. Invitations will shortly be sent to choirs in the region to participate. The location of the event will be notified in a later CEMA newsletter.

### Blue Moon Singers

Rehearsals for the Music Glenelg Blue Moon Singers will begin on 26th August at the Wesley Uniting church at 7:30 pm.

Music Glenelg Tutti Singers are in Recess.

Peggy Roberts (Publicity Manager)



The Portland Choral Group & The Mozart Choral Group join forces for "Songs of Sea and Shore" at the CEMA Arts Centre

## PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting will be our AGM and we will meet at the Arts Co. on Monday, 14th July at 10 am. Our Mystery Activity is as mentioned in last month's CEMA newsletter. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch to celebrate several "special" birthdays in our club.

Sit and Sew day 28th July at 10 am.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

## Poetry Reading Group

Our AGM on 15th of June was attended by 15 members.

Dawn Turner was re-elected Convenor with Helen Anderson Secretary/Treasurer.

Next meeting will be held at the CEMA Arts Centre at 2 pm on Sunday 20th of July.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

## Theatre Group

The Theatre group have completed two outstanding weekends of the production of DIMBOOLA by Jack Hibberd. We had four SOLD OUT performances (give or take a ticket or two). I am sure the whole Theatre Group should be very proud as this is one pretty impressive achievement! Unfortunately we had to cancel the Matinee as there was not enough interest (however since we cancelled it we have had many people say they were 'going to book')!!! Unfortunately the nature of Theatre Restaurant meant we had to notify the restaurant of numbers for meals ahead of time and could not bank on 'maybes'. Maybe next time

The Observer have been very co-operative in helping promote the play by allowing the cast articles to be published in the Arts section each week. This has been a very interesting experience for the cast, and the public, and helped to build up a bit of pre-wedding excitement! Sandilands have also been extremely helpful in allowing the group to rehearse there regularly and ensuring the evenings ran smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the cast and crew, especially Doug (could not have done it without you!) and Ashleigh who proved herself a real trooper with all the late night rehearsals on school nights and her brilliant debut performance! In fact, all of the new comers showed immense talent that we are sure to see again in future performances!

There has been talk of another theatre restaurant in the next year or two we will definitely look into it, any suggestions would be very much appreciated!

The workshops are ploughing full-steam ahead. We are attracting a lovely group of teenagers who show more enthusiasm each week. We have been lucky enough to have made a successful application for funding. As a result we will be increasing the workshops to weekly sessions and will be looking at putting on two performances by the end of the year. Jenny Heath will be directing and we look forward to her de-

but. Thanks must go to Jenny and Danielle Marasco who have taken the pressure off the rest of the group during Dimboola by driving this venture! This will now be a good opportunity for all Theatre group members to get involved in cultivating local young talent.

Until next time.

Kat Warner (Committee Member)

## P.E.A.R. Project

Would your Group benefit from interaction with visiting artists/performers/craftspeople?

How about helping The Arts Company to promote the June Hedditch accommodation and the arts opportunities available to people who wish to stay and concentrate on a project.

The new C.E.M.A. group Portland Bay Press at 21 Julia St. has had two articles in the magazine "Imprint" lately (congratulations), and both have encouraged many readers to enquire about staying and working in Portland.

You could do the same with any State-wide or Australia-wide newsletters or publications!

Copy (courtesy of Berice Jones) could include:

- Residency Opportunities in Portland, Vic. - Historic Seaside Town
- Close to coastal, river and forest national parks.
- Large purpose-built studios, half a block from the beach.
- Self-contained artists' accommodation.
- Many successful residencies already held, including six fully funded under the Portland Emerging Artist Residency Program (PEAR).
- Other types of residencies available.



"Sumo" from Todd Baxter's Exhibition at the CEMA Arts Centre

- Applications and enquiries are invited from interested artists, both emerging and established.
- Contact The Residency Coordinator, the Arts Company, 19 Julia St., Portland 3305.

June Hedditch Studio could solve your accommodation problems very economically.

Lex Chalmers

Groups/members please note - there is an Application Form for artists available at The Arts Company; if you know of someone who may like to visit and work here, you could send them the form at any time.

And if your Group has a visiting tutor, remember that the

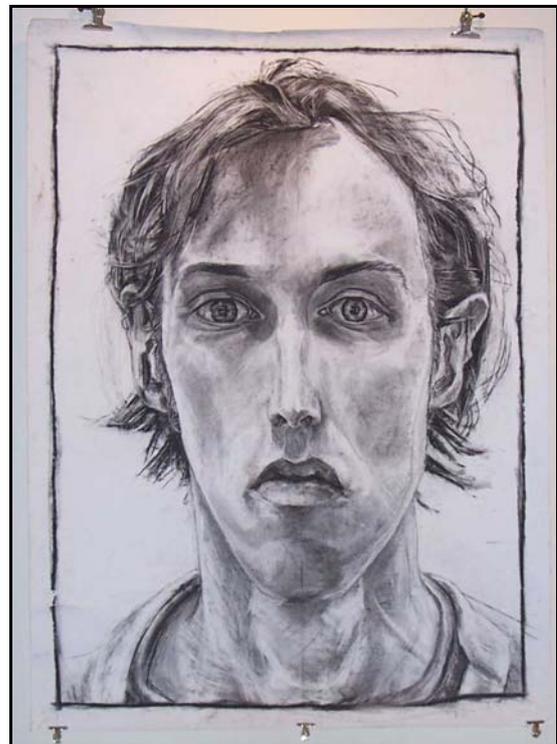
## Reserved Seating Only

This very funny play features DAVID PATERSON as a loud, burly football fan, and Cecilia Specht as a recently divorced football widow, who having claimed her ex-husband's tickets as part of the settlement, has come to watch the football for the first time. A footy 'conscientious objector', she is blissfully unaware of the wonders of the game and instantly locks horns with her ex-husband's footy-mate who becomes her unexpected companion.

8 pm, Monday, 14 July  
CEMA Arts Centre, Portland

Adult \$25 : Concession \$20 : Student \$15 : Family \$75

Bookings for all above shows 5522 2301  
Reserved tickets held for 48 hours after booking



A Self Portrait from Todd Baxter's Exhibition  
at the CEMA Arts Centre